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I attended Children's Cout on December 3rd 2019 at Wynberg Magistrate's Court with Ms Le Panne presiding. Legal Aid lawyer Genevieve Mannel represented my son, Jed Holgate. The social worker on our case was Stephné Mijlof (BADISA Wynberg).

1) I did not receive summons to attend court and was not informed of the court date, number or time

2) I went to court on 3 December at 8am and waited at court

3) I was not informed by Stephné Mijlof or Genevieve Mannel that there was to be a mediation session with my son's father, Mark Holgate, before court – Mark Holgate was told of both the time of the court appearance and the time of the mediation session. I only found out that this was happening when I emailed her at around 10am to find out where she was as I was waiting at court.

4) Stephné Mijlof arrived at around 10:30am and gave me her report to read over – this included Captain Golding of the Wynberg FCS's report on the allegation of sexual abuse made by Mark Holgate with regards to my partner. This is the first time that I read both reports.

5) Mark Holgate's parenting plan request was never disclosed or shared with me before the mediation session – I sent my new parenting plan request to Stephné Mijlof several days prior.

6) During the mediation session I was pressured by Genevieve Mannel and Stephné Mijlof to give primary care of my son to Mark Holgate. This went on for around one hour – during which I refused, tearfully.

7) Genevieve Mannel made a comment during the mediation that since I had broken up with my partner I must suspect that he was guilty of molesting my son.

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8) Stephné Mijlof and Genevive Mannel became impatient when I refused to give Mark Holgate primary care of my son. They exchange a look and nodded and then got up and we left the mediaton room.

9) Stephné Mijlof went into the Clerk's office and changed her report and did not show the amendments to me

10) Ms Le Panne noted that she should have been given both reports 3 days prior to receivng them when Stephné Mijlof handed them to her as we entered the court room

11) Stephné Mijlof recommended giving Mark Holgate primary care of my son – with my mental health being questionable – without having spoken to me in person, met with me in person, or having done a home visit to see Jed's living circumstances.

12) Stephné Mijlof added an email from September (are emails admissable in a court of law?) when I aksed for emergency mediation to discuss arrangements for Jed and options for me to move when I was in severe financial stress. This was just after Mark Holgate had reneged on a maintenance agreement that I was depending on to get through the next two months – after Mark Holgate had deliberately destroyed my partnership and removed my support structure. BADISA never responded to the email fom September 2019 that was added to the court file on 3 December 2019. I subsequently went on to rebuild my support structure and stop smoking / get fully back in to recovery by 3 December 2019 – nothing was investigated or added to the court file.

13) I wrote to inform Stephné Mijlof to inform her that Mark Hoglate had lied in court, again, with regards to his ongoing use of substances and to ask to "tweak" the court order of interim parenting plan and was told to stop making false allegations and that if I wanted changes to the parenting plan I should ask the court – I asked only that clothes be bought seperately for each home as the items I send to Mark's home do not come back and I can not afford to keep buying new clothing for Jed.

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14) Mark Holgate was caught lying about his use of substances (LSD, MDMA, Marijauna) by Ms Le Panne in court. The court still gave him half visitation with no investigation being done after he openly admitted to using substances.

15) I wrote to Stephné Mijlof to ask the following questions:
i) Did she call any of my references before she wrote her report?
ii) Did she meet with Captain Golding in person or was the FCS case file sent to her?
iii) Did she speak to Jodi Lord, Joan Cambell, Anne Cawood or Elzabe Durr-Fitchen with regards to the events?
iv) Did she do any collaterol investigation on my daughter at school BEFORE I met Mark Holgate? My daughter was thriving before I met him.
v) Did she use any of the preschool teacher's contact numbers and do collaterol investigation of Jed's history?
vi) NB – Did Stephné Mijlof talk to Mark Holgate on the telephone or meet him in person before the 3 December court date?

This email was sent on 4th and again on the 5th of December 2018 and Stephné Mijolf never responded.

16) Ms Le Panne assumed that I was planning to abandon my son when she read the September email and this is why she requested a socio psyche evaluation. She did this without the full information of the move that I was considering. The town that I was interested in moving to has one of the top schools in South Africa in it and the property that I was considering moving to was shared by a school teacher with a daughter the same age as my son.

The cottage is shared on the property of an international game lodge that the family run.

The owners had offered me work as they needed their website done and have full internet access.

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The rental and cost of living in the area is substantially less than I am having to cover in Cape Town and I have a dear friend in the area who offered more work and opportunity on his farm.

It was a look at a more peaceful, slower pace of life for me and a healthier, safer life for Jed.

Ms Le Panne did not take the time to find out more about what I was considering – once again – no proper investigation done. Ms Le Panne was shouting at me and, as I am an abuse and trauma survivor and I freeze when I am threatened, I was unable to answer her questions adequatly.

17) Ms Le Panne made a new court order to split visitation 50% between Mark Holgate and I with no background information or investigation done after Mark had openly admitted that he is using drugs.

18) I asked Mark Holgate to consider changing fetching times and weekends for the new parenting plan so that Jed's weekends would co-incide with his sister's again as they are close. Mark phoned Stephné Miljof directly and then told me that Stephné had said that this is fine. Mark had already told Jed when I said that I would not agree to anything unless Stephné Mijlof had sent it in writing and that I had explained to Jed that I could not break a court order. Stephné Mijlof then replied to my email and said that I was right to stick to the parenting plan copying a senior at BADISA in on the email.

I have never had access to any telephone numbers of the social workers assigned to our case and the majority of my emails to Stephné Mijlof were never answered.

19) I respectfully request that futher court proceedings be postponed until I have legal representation at this juncture.

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20) I request that the original consent paper be adhered to / returned to with regards to visitation / care and contact until such time as a new parenting plan is mediated with legal representation of my choosing, please. As far as I understand things Ms Le Panne was not legally allowed to change the parenting plan like this and her parenting plan should have been made a legal document by the High Court.

21) I respectfully request that immediate mediation is ordered by the court to finalise a new parenting plan that will minimise contact between Mark Holgate and myself to protect Jed from further acrimony and distress.

I would ask that Jed's visits to Mark are reduced to only alternate weekends until such time as Mark is clearly not using substances any longer so that Jed has more stability and routine for school and I am able to get him to attend sports in the afternoons instead of sitting on video games. Mark has not been keeping abreast of homework (already Math's papers are being marked incorrectly and Jed has had to catch up) and Jed's school mark's dropped dramatically the last time that he stayed with Mark for an extended period of time.

22) I would like to request that Mark Holgate undergoes a psychiatric evaluation due to his erratic behaviour last year and his lack of concern for the welfare of his son (who had to go through two forensic sexaul abuse assesments and whose alternate family was destroyed by this purely tactical move) with regards to the false allegation of child molestation, please.

23) I request that the court make an order that Mark Holgate has to step in to mediation by law moving forward to settle disagreements and breaking of the parenting plan with immediate effect, please, and that we have a social worker assigned to our case for a minimum of one year to monitor behaviour, since this was already included in our parenting plan and he has simply refused mediation for ongoing 5 years.

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